



# Welcome to Year 5

2016 - 2017  
Mr Gawthorpe



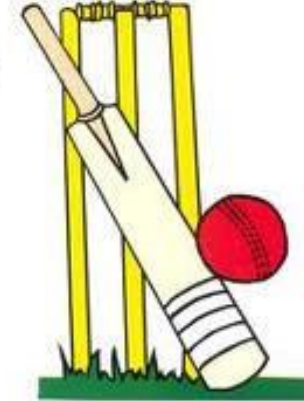
# Mr Gawthorpe

Year 5 teacher, PE & Science  
Coordinator

Degree in Sports Science with HR Management from  
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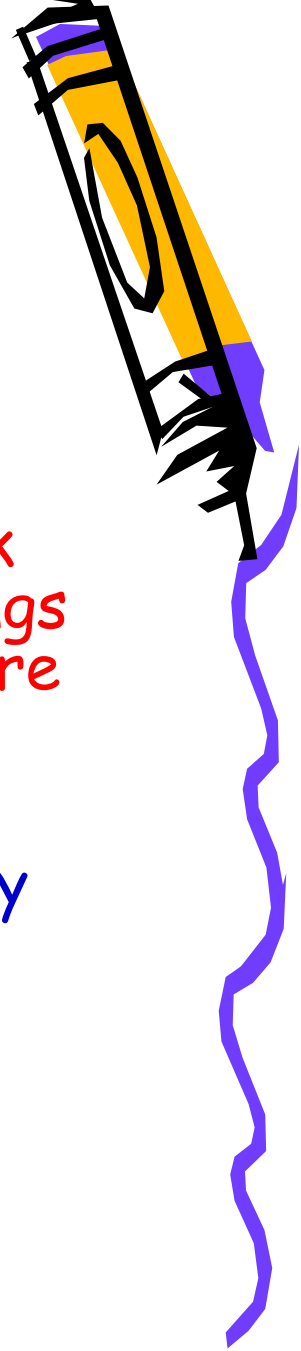
This is my seventh year as a Year 5 teacher, my sixth at  
St Alban's, having previously completed my NQT training in  
Manchester.

Prior to this, I worked in Dublin, delivering sports coaching sessions to  
various schools and for underprivileged children in the community.



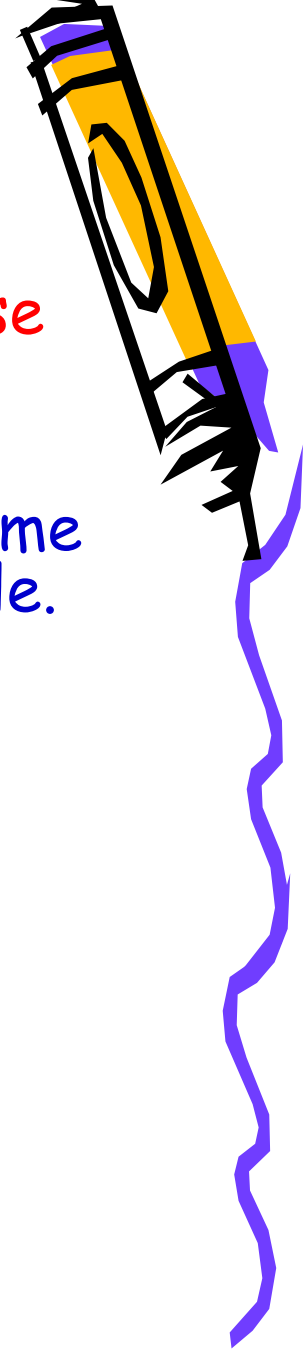
# Grouping within the class

- During Literacy and Numeracy lessons, pupils are grouped according to ability, with differentiated tasks provided. Pupils may work in mixed-ability pairs or groups. These groupings are very fluid, with regular monitoring to ensure that pupils are in the correct group.
- During other Foundation subjects pupils usually work in mixed ability groups, unless the task requires specific skills.



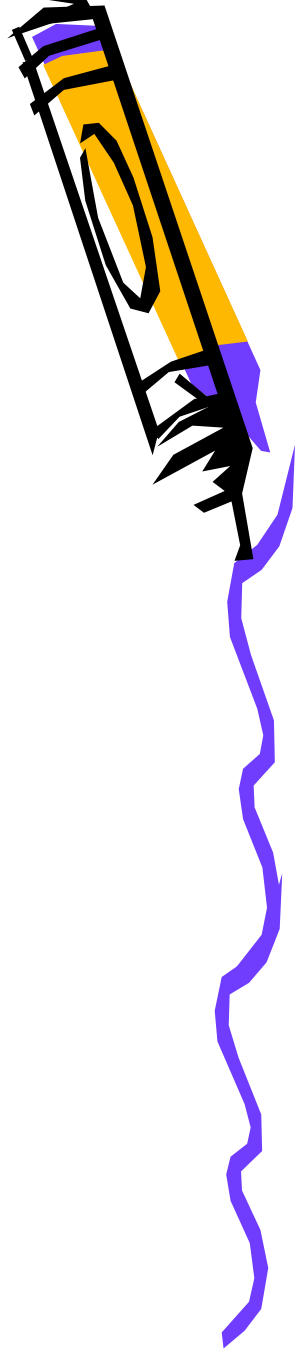
# Behaviour

- As a class we have decided on our rules - these are displayed in the classroom.
- Positive behaviour is rewarded with Golden Time and House Points or tickets for a termly raffle.
- If a child breaks a rule they will be given a warning. Time will be taken off their Golden Time if the problem continues, followed by removal from the class.
- Home-School Diaries



# Our Class Timetable

...It is very flexible!



# Literacy

Children will cover a range of different topics.

## Narrative

Stories by significant children's authors  
Traditional Stories, fables, myths and legends  
Stories from other cultures

Older Literature

Film Narrative

Dramatic Conventions

## Non-Fiction

Instructions

Recounts

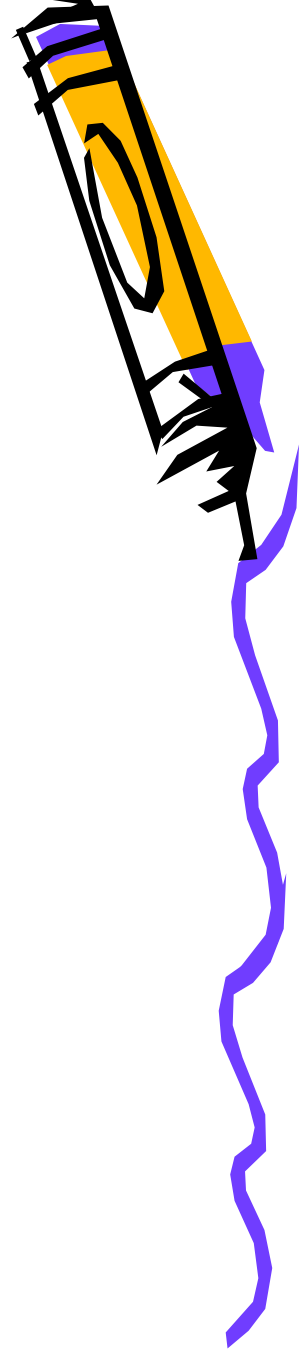
Persuasive Writing

## Poetry

Poetic Style

Classic/Narrative Poems

Choral and performance



# Reading & Writing

Throughout these topics, children will be assessed in these areas:

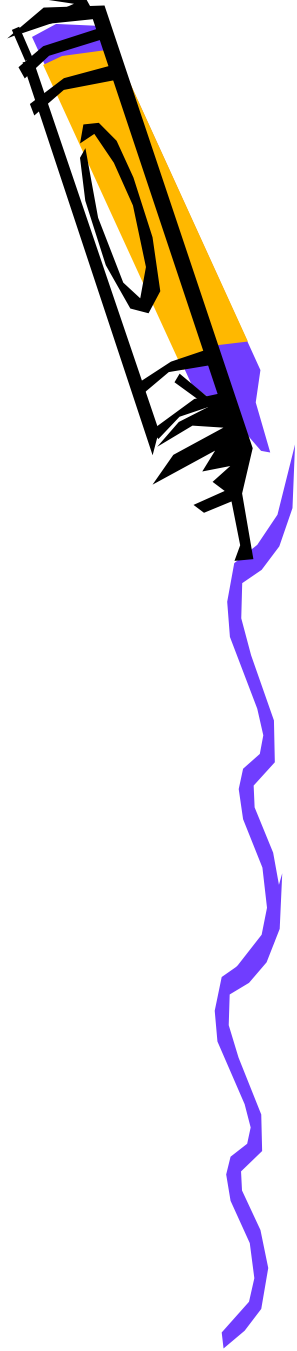
Reading and comprehension

Spelling

Handwriting

Writing assessment will focus on:

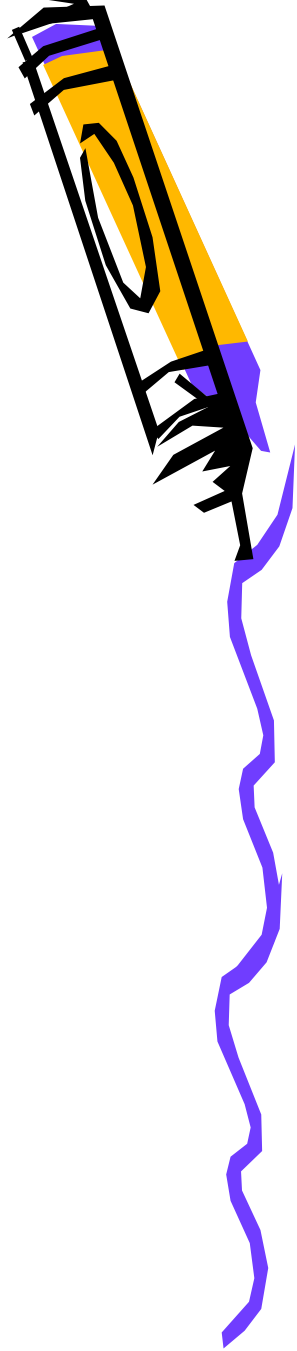
- Language choices
- Use of dialogue
- Choice of sentence structures
  - Vocabulary
- Adding detail to their writing
- Correct use of punctuation



# Numeracy

Each week will focus of a set of skills.

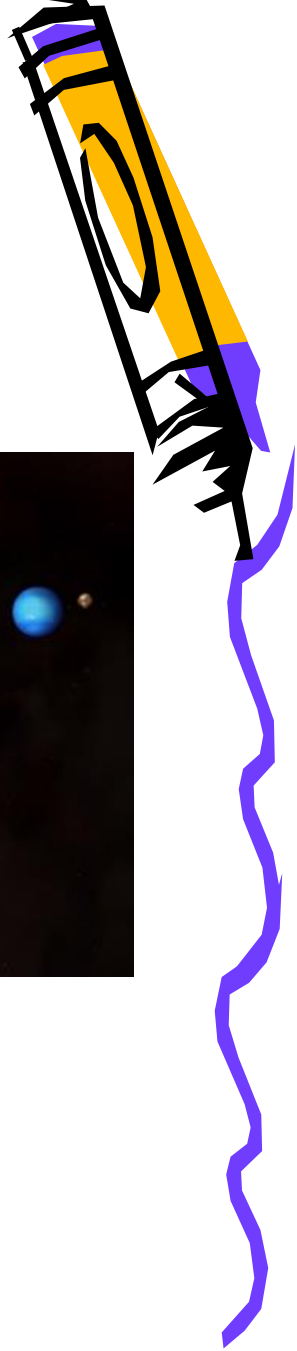
Autumn term:     Place Value & Written Addition  
                          Decimals and Addition of Money  
                          Subtraction  
                          Properties of Shapes  
                          Multiplication, Division and Fractions  
                          Place Value and Multiplication  
                          Written Multiplication and Division  
                          Place Value, Decimals and Subtraction  
                          Measures  
                          Fractions  
                          Addition, Subtraction and Multiplication





# Topic Work

Over the course of the year the children will be studying the following topics:



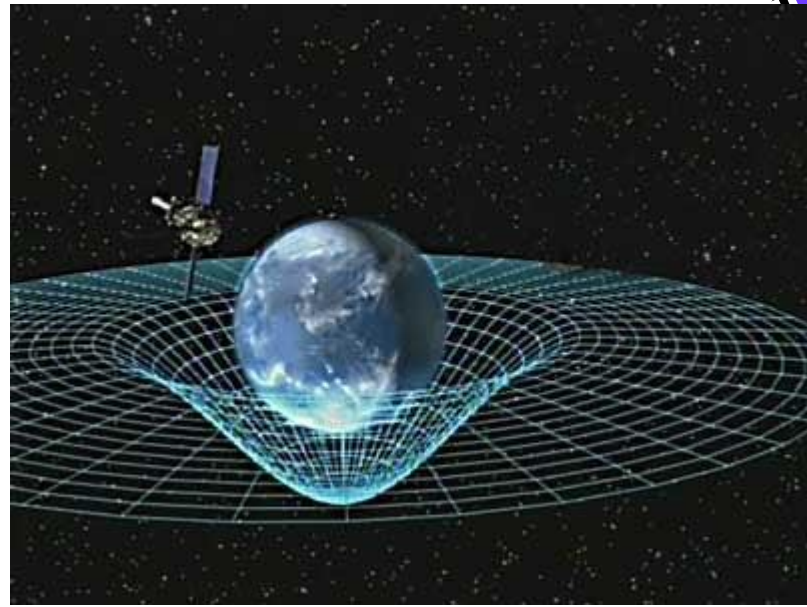
The Earth and  
Space - orbits of  
spherical bodies,  
day and night,  
seasons etc.



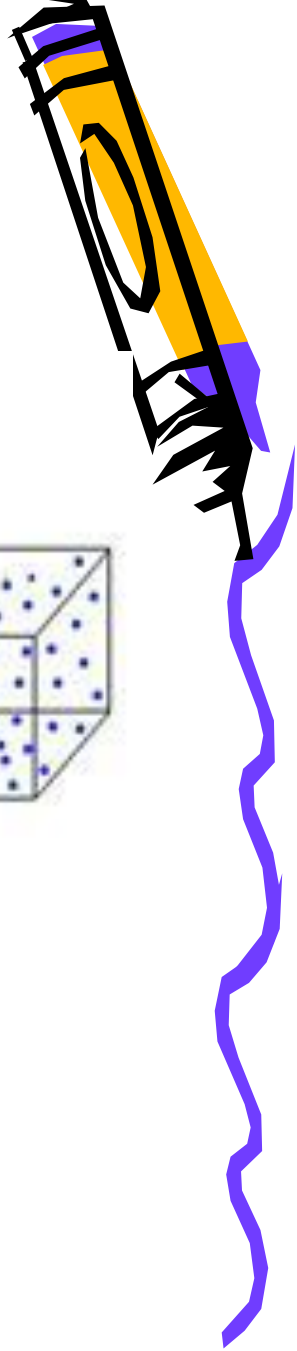
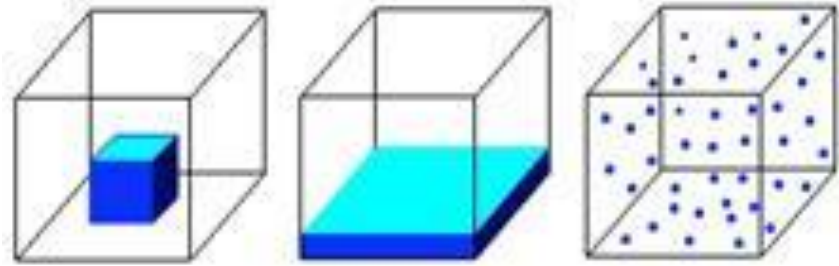
# Forces -

gravity, air resistance,  
water resistance,  
friction.

Levers, pulleys and  
gears.

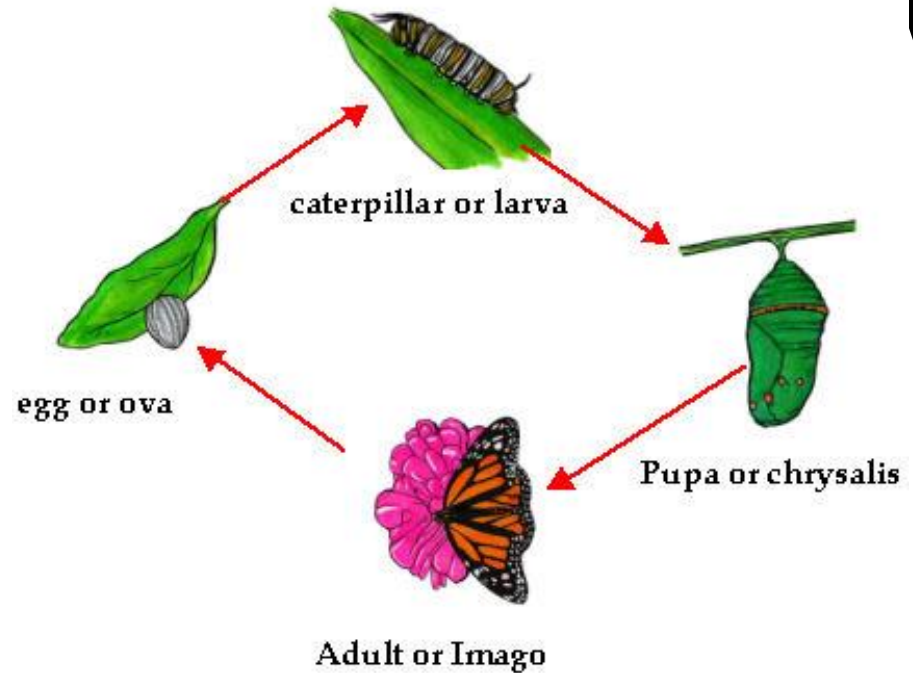


# Properties and changes of materials - solutions, states of matter

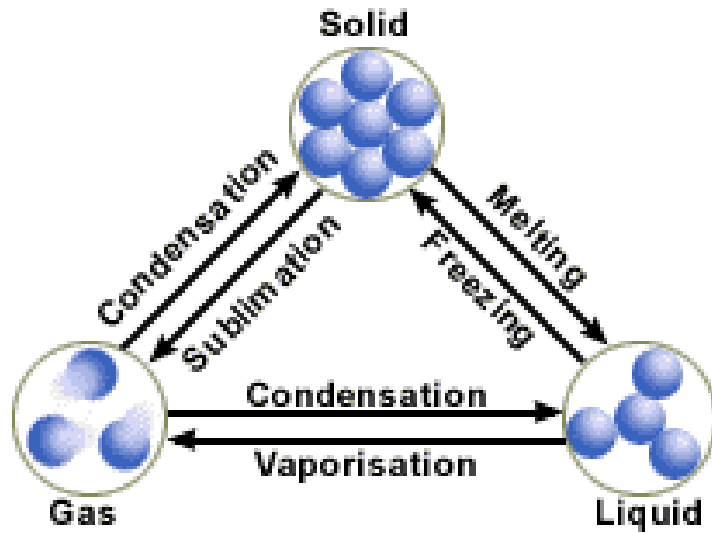


# All living things and their

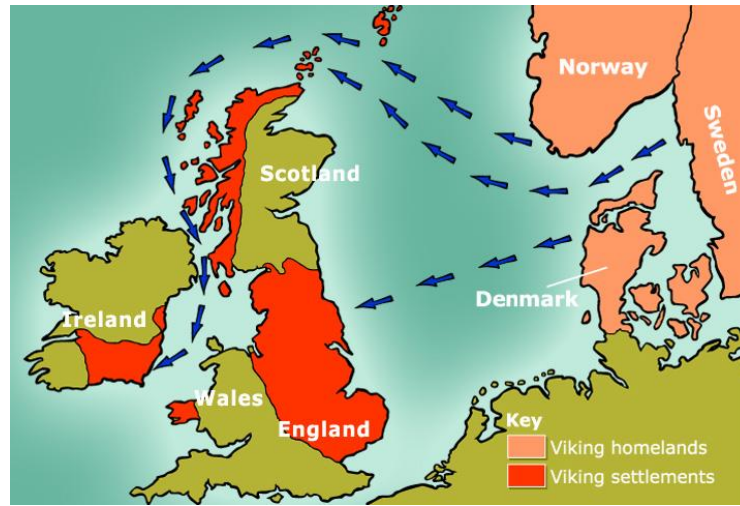
**habitats** - life cycles  
and reproduction - plants and  
animals.  
Animals including humans -  
old age.



# The Water Cycle



# Vikings



Local Study -  
Cambridge &  
Community



# P.E.

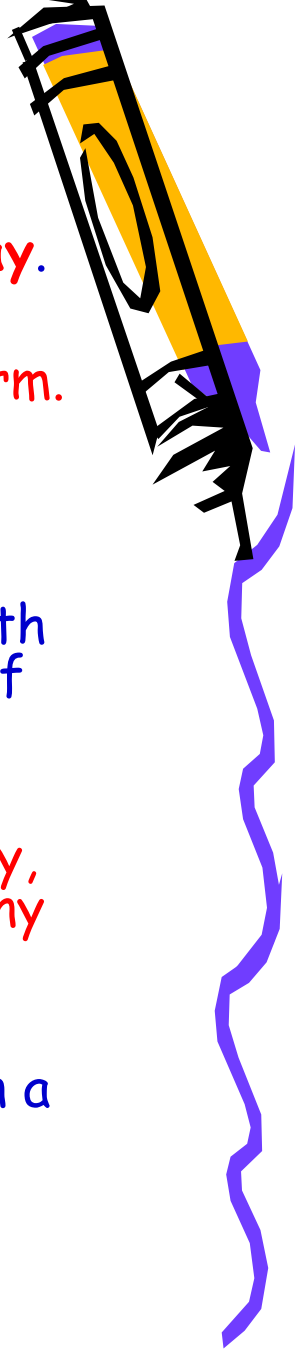
This year we will be having P.E on a **Thursday** and a **Friday**.

The children will be taking part in Invasion Games this term. Later on in the year we will also take part in Net/Wall Games, Swimming, Gymnastics, Athletics and Dance.

The children will need to have appropriate P.E. kit for both indoor and outdoor activities during all three terms of the year.

In order to ensure that each session is carried out safely, we ask that the children remove their ear-rings and any other items of jewellery on these days.

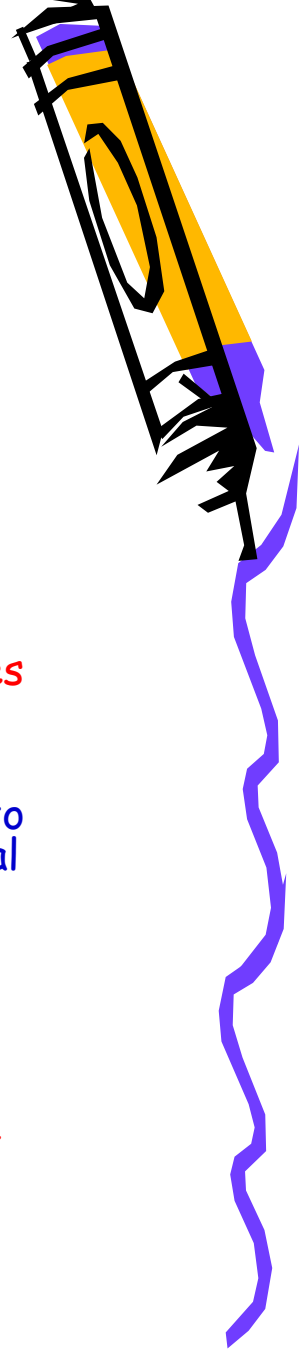
For certain topics we would like to go to Parker's Piece on a Friday (weather permitting!)



# Homework

- Homework will be set on Thursday, to be handed in on the following Thursday. There will be one piece of Maths and one Piece of English.
- A second Maths Homework will be sent home on Friday and should be handed in on the following Friday.
- If, for any reason, children are unable to complete homework, please send in a brief note.
- Homework is differentiated and should take approximately 20 minutes per task.
- Children are encouraged to use their homework diaries to plan when to do their homework during the week, arranging time around their social commitments. Homework will usually include:
  - Spellings
  - Literacy writing task or topic-related task
  - Maths tasks
  - Times-table practice

*Reading is also expected and children should make a note of this in their diaries.*





# Trips & Events

Previous trips include:

National Space Centre

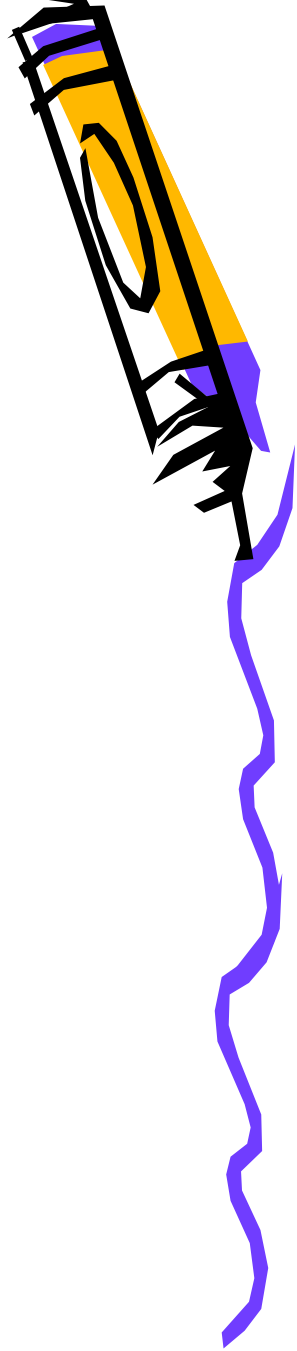
Science Week

Clubs and Sports Events

Cambridge Faith Walks

Year 5 Performance

Oxburgh Hall



# And Finally...

Please do not hesitate to come and see me about any issues concerning your child.

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I am available after school to discuss any issues with you or by appointment as required.

